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REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment contends that the Amendment filed December 1, 2004 is non-compliant because it does not include a complete listing of the claims. Claims 18-22 and 24-36 are presently pending in this application and were included in the Amendment; however, the Amendment did not explicitly indicate that claims 1-17 had been canceled.

When this divisional application was filed, a Preliminary Amendment was filed with it, canceling claims 1-17 and adding claims 18-23. Thus, claims 1-17 were never pending in this application. The Filing Receipt mailed September 23, 2004 confirms that only six claims were present when the application was filed.

Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting prosecution, a new listing of the claims, explicitly stating that claims 1-17 have been canceled, is provided above.

Examination of the amended claims, including consideration of the Remarks in the December 1, 2004 Amendment is respectfully requested. In view of those amendments and Remarks, Applicant submits that claims 18-22 and 24-36, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

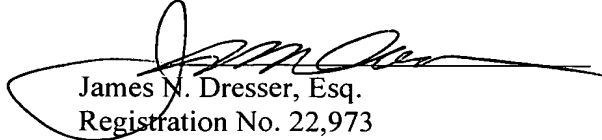
To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR

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§1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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